

County: **Humboldt**
 USGS Quad: **Capetown**

Thomas Guide Location
 CA Road Atlas
 NOAA Chart: **18623**

Latitude N Longitude W
 40 22' 30" 124 22' 30"

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

This site includes the coastline and tidal estuary near the mouth of the Bear River. This site is private property. Tidal flats occur throughout range of map

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Breeding seabirds will use these rocks for nesting in the spring. Offshore rocks provide roosting and nesting habitat for birds and haul out locations for marine mammals. Care should be taken so that response activities do not flush wildlife from these areas. The offshore rocks have cultural significance for local tribes.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

The rocks are sensitive to human intrusion year round, especially during nesting season (03-09) when the adults are on eggs and until the young have fledged from the nest.

Shorebirds and seabirds present.

Anadromous salmonids in Bear River:
 Chinook (FT) salmon, Steelhead (FT):
 - spawning runs (08-06)
 - juveniles/smolts (02-08)

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710, the State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or Mr. Bryan Much, Coordinator of the Northwest Information Center (707) 588-8455.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

| Type | Name / Title | Organization | Phone |
|------|---------------|---|----------------|
| O | | Humboldt County Sheriff | (707) 445-7251 |
| O | Troy Nicolini | National Weather Service Woodley Island | (707) 442-2171 |
| T | Bob Pagliuco | NOAA/Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service | (707) 834-2215 |
| T | Bill Pinnix | USFWS Arcata Field Office | (707) 845-6858 |

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

For further information about coastal access in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Commission's California Coastal Access Guide. For photos of the coastline in this area, please refer to the California Coastal Records Project (www.californiacoastline.org).

1-270 -B Site Strategy - Bear River

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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The rugged coastline will prevent on shore response over most of this area. Off site measures including dispersants should be considered when a spill threatens to impact this area. Overflights should be careful to maintain flight path and altitude clearance distances that are large enough to prevent the flushing of birds and marine mammals from their nests, roosts, and haul outs sanctuaries on the offshore rocks in this area.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Extreme current, high energy shoreline, offshore rocks.

SITE STRATEGIES

This site is best protected by preventing the oil from arriving here, when possible. Off site response options including dispersants should be considered.

Strategy 1-270.1 Objective: Prevent spilled oil from floating to this site.

Conventional on-scene response is not possible at this site. Protect with off-site response measures only.

Table of Response Resources

| strategy number | harbor boom | swamp boom | Other boom type | sorb boom | Anchoring no | type and gear | Boom boat | Skiffs punts | Skimmers No | Type | Special Equipment or comment No and kinds | staff deploy | Staff tend |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------|---|--------------|------------|
| 1-270.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Protect with off-site response measures only. | | |

LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

From Eureka, take U.S. hwy 101 south and take Fernbridge/Ferndale exit. Continue on this road, turn right onto bridge (State route 211). Follow state route 211 through Ferndale. Turn left onto Mattole Road (2 lane road reduced by earthquake damage to 1 lane road in spots). Access to this area is just off Mattole Road along coast, where Mattole Road crosses Bear River bridge.

Private landowner values and defends his privacy. This site includes the coastline and tidal estuary near the mouth of the Bear River. This site is private property.

LAND ACCESS: Access may be denied by landowner; Contact Sheriff or BLM

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking No launch in area
and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Remote, limited communications

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS: Lost Coast area cell phone may not work

